

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1. (cancelled)

Claim 2. (currently amended) The combined ladder and ladder extension section as claimed in Claim ~~±~~ 21, wherein said means for engaging is integrally defined on said ladder extension section.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The combined ladder and ladder extension section as claimed in Claim ~~±~~ 21, wherein said means for engaging is affixed to said ladder extension section.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The combined ladder and ladder extension section as claimed in Claim ~~±~~ 21, wherein said means for engaging is formed in a L-shaped configuration.

Claim 5. (currently amended) The combined ladder and ladder extension section as claimed in Claim ~~±~~ 21, wherein said means for engaging defines a channel for removably receiving therein a rung of a conventional ladder.

Claim 6. (currently amended) The combined ladder and ladder extension section as claimed in Claim ~~±~~ 21, wherein said means for engaging comprises a first pair of engagement elements adapted to engage one rung of ~~said a conventional~~ ladder, and a second pair of engagement elements adapted to engage another rung

of a conventional said ladder such that said ladder extension section is removably mountable to a conventional said ladder along at least two separate rungs of a conventional said ladder.

Claim 7. (currently amended) The combined ladder and ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 6, wherein each of said engagement elements defines a channel for removably receiving therein a rung of a conventional said ladder.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The combined ladder and ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 7, comprising a support element pivotably mounted to said ladder extension section.

Claim 9. (currently amended) The combined ladder and ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said support element is mounted to said ladder extension section at the approximate midpoint thereof.

Claim 10. (currently amended) The combined ladder and ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 9, wherein said means for engaging and said support element each extend from the same side of said ladder extension section.

Claim 11. (previously presented) A ladder extension section adapted to be removably mounted to a conventional ladder, said ladder extension section comprising a pair of opposed sidewalls, a plurality of transversely oriented rungs extending between said

pair of opposed sidewalls, and means on said ladder extension section for engaging at least one rung of a conventional ladder for removably mounting said ladder extension section to a conventional ladder, the distance between the pair of opposed sidewalls of said ladder extension section being greater than the distance between the opposed sidewalls of a conventional ladder such that the sidewalls of said ladder extension section extend beyond the sidewalls of a conventional ladder when said ladder extension section is mounted to a conventional ladder.

Claim 12. (previously presented) The ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the distance between said pair of opposed sidewalls of said ladder extension section is selected such that the sidewalls of said ladder extension section abut against the sidewalls of a conventional ladder when said ladder extension section is mounted to a conventional ladder.

Claim 13. (previously presented) The ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the distance between said pair of opposed sidewalls of said ladder extension section is selected such that a space is defined between the sidewalls of said ladder extension section and the sidewalls of a conventional ladder when said ladder extension section is mounted to a conventional ladder.

Claim 14. (previously presented) The ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said means for engaging

comprises at least one engagement element extending from at least one of said plurality of rungs of said ladder extension section.

Claim 15. (previously presented) The ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said means for engaging comprises at least one said engagement element extending from at least two of said plurality of rungs of said ladder extension section.

Claim 16. (previously presented) The ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said at least one engagement element defines a channel for receiving therein a rung of a conventional ladder.

Claim 17. (previously presented) The ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 11, comprising a support element pivotably mounted to said ladder extension section.

Claim 18. (previously presented) A ladder extension section adapted to be removably mounted to a conventional ladder, said ladder extension section comprising a pair of opposed sidewalls, and a plurality of transversely oriented rungs extending between said pair of opposed sidewalls; the width of said ladder extension section being greater than the width of a conventional ladder to which said ladder extension section is mounted so that the sidewalls of said ladder extension section are beyond the sidewalls of a conventional ladder when said ladder extension

section is mounted to a conventional ladder; and means on said ladder extension section for engaging at least two rungs of a conventional ladder for removably mounting said ladder extension section to a conventional ladder.

Claim 19. (previously presented) The ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 18, wherein said means for engaging comprises at least one engagement element extending from at least two of said plurality of rungs of said ladder extension section such that each said engagement element engages a different one of two rungs of a conventional ladder when said ladder extension section is removably mounted to a conventional ladder.

Claim 20. (previously presented) The ladder extension section as claimed in Claim 19, wherein at least a pair of said engagement elements extends from two of said plurality of rungs of said ladder extension section such that each said pair of engagement elements engages a different one of two rungs of a conventional ladder when said ladder extension section is mounted to a conventional ladder.

Claim 21. (new) A combination ladder and ladder extension section adapted to be removably mounted to said ladder, said ladder extension section comprising a pair of opposed sidewalls, a plurality of transversely oriented rungs extending between said pair of opposed sidewalls, and means on said ladder extension section for engaging at least one rung of said ladder for

removably mounting said ladder extension section to said ladder, the distance between the pair of opposed sidewalls of said ladder extension section being greater than the distance between the opposed sidewalls of said ladder such that the sidewalls of said ladder extension section extend beyond the sidewalls of said ladder when said ladder extension section is mounted to said ladder.